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9. [] LEGISLATION Spoke with Mike O'Neil, Chief Counsel, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Mr. O'Neill had not yet spoken to David Minton, of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, regarding our amendments to the Civil Service Reform legislation, but promised to do so and thereafter get back to me.

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10. [] LEGISLATION Called John Ritch, on the staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to check on the status of Senator Howard Baker's (R., Tenn.) amendment to S. 3075, the "International Security Assistance Act." Senator Baker on 26 July successfully introduced his amendment to the Senate floor which would repeal the so-called McGovern amendment.

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11. [] LEGISLATION Called Jim McCarthy, on the staff of Representative Lester Wolff (D., N.Y.), regarding H.R. 12514, the "International Security Assistance Act of 1978." Mr. McCarthy informed me that the House-Senate conference accepted Representative Wolff's amendment, which directs the President to conduct a full review of U.S.-USSR relations and then to report the findings to Congress. The amendment does not make it clear whether classified information was to be included in the report. The conferees agreed to include language in the conference report stating that the report will be unclassified.

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12. [] LEGISLATION Spoke with Steve Parker, on the staff of Representative Richard Schulze (R., Pa.). I told him we did not as yet have a response to his most recent request, but that I would advise him when we did.

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13. [] BRIEFING Agency officers [] OLC, [] NFAC/OER, [] NFAC/OGCR, [] and [], NFAC/CSS, briefed Representative Charles E. Grassley (R., Iowa) in his office on Soviet crop estimating procedures. We provided the Congressman with some, but not a great deal of, detail on the procedures followed by the Agency in arriving at a crop estimate for the USSR. He was also advised about our efforts to estimate crop utilization. His primary concern seems to relate to whether the Government can arrive at accurate, timely crop estimates. As a result of our briefing, he has a much clearer understanding of the problems involved. He was given a firm admonition about the sensitivity of the information we provided to him and accepted the condition that it was for his background use only.

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- STAT 19. [REDACTED] LEGISLATION Called Mauri Forbes, in the Legislative Liaison Office at the White House. She promised to send over copies of the directives for the weekly Legislative Summary for the White House. She said that our present two summaries were satisfactory. In answer to my question of what other types of information the President might be interested in, she replied that information concerning travel, scheduled hearings and appearances on the Hill and requests for White House help should all be included.
- STAT 20. [REDACTED] LEGISLATION Spoke with Simon Lazarus, Associate Director, Domestic Policy Staff; David Dickinson, at the Civil Service Commission; and Paul Rosenthal, on the staff of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, on the Civil Service Reform legislation. (See Memorandum for the Record.)
- STAT 21. [REDACTED] LEGISLATION Attended a working level meeting to discuss Title II of S. 2525, the intelligence charter legislation. The meeting was held at the Community Headquarters Building, and representatives of OGC also attended.
- STAT 22. [REDACTED] LEGISLATION Called Tracey Cole, OMB, and informed her that we were writing a letter to Representative Charles Bennett (D., Fla.) on H.R. 89, the classification bill. Mr. Bennett had written to the President, who then referred the letter to Admiral Turner and the Attorney General for comments. Ms. Cole said that OMB had no problems with the letter. I will send Ms. Cole a copy of the final letter.
- STAT 23. [REDACTED] LEGISLATION Called Janet Fox, OMB, and asked for an extension on our oral comments on H.R. 13015, the Communication Reform Act. OGC asked for an extension because the attorney in charge of the bill is on vacation and will be back Monday, 21 August. Ms. Fox said there was no problem in granting an extension. We will reply sometime next week.

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